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ARTICLE RESULTING FROM DEPUTY SECRETARY'S NEWS CONFERENCE

1. THE FOLLOWING ARTICLE, RESULTING FROM DEPSECSTATE CHRISTOPHER'S  
HONOLULU INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT NEWS CONFERENCE, APPEARED IN THE  
HONOLULU ADVERTISER ON 29 JULY 77.

QUOTE. DEPUTY SECRETARY OF STATE WARREN CHRISTOPHER SAID  
YESTERDAY THAT THE UNITED STATES, AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND ARE  
CONCERNED ABOUT POSSIBLE SOVIET AND CHINESE EFFORTS TO DOMINATE  
ISLANDS IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC.

SPEAKING AT A PRESS CONFERENCE AT HONOLULU AIRPORT, HIS FIRST  
STOP ON AMERICAN SOIL AFTER A 10-DAY TRIP TO FOUR FOREIGN COUNTRIES,  
CHRISTOPHER SAID THE THREE ALLIES DISCUSSED THE COURTING OF WESTERN  
SAMOA BY CHINA AND OF TONGA BY THE SOVIET UNION.

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"THIS IS A SUBJECT WE'LL BE WATCHING OVER THE YEARS TO COME,"  
HE SAID. "WE CERTAINLY WOULD NOT WANT TO DENY EITHER THE SOVIET  
UNION OR THE CHINESE THE PURSUIT OF THEIR LEGITIMATE INTERESTS IN  
THE SOUTH PACIFIC. ON THE OTHER HAND, ANY EFFORTS BY THEM TO  
DOMINATE THE ISLANDS OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC WOULD BE A MATTER OF  
GREAT CONCERN TO US."

COMMUNIST EXPANSION INTO THE SOUTH PACIFIC WAS DISCUSSED BY THE

THREE ALLIES AT THE 27TH ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING OF THE ANZUS  
(AUSTRALIA-NEW ZEALAND-UNITED STATES) PACT AT WELLINGTON, NEW  
ZEALAND.

"I REAFFIRMED OUR COMMITMENT TO THE PEACE AND STABILITY OF THE  
SOUTH PACIFIC AND TOLD OUR FRIENDS THAT OUR COMMITMENT TO THE ANZUS  
PACT REMAINS SURE, SOLID, UNSWERVABLE AND UNSHAKEABLE," CHRISTOPHER  
SAID.

CHRISTOPHER ALSO VISITED YUGOSLAVIA, INDIA AND THAILAND DURING  
HIS TRIP.

HIS TALKS WITH YUGOSLAVIAN LEADERS CENTERED ON IDENTIFYING WAYS  
THE UNITED STATES COULD COOPERATE "TO MAINTAIN AND STRENGTHEN"  
YUGOSLAVIA'S INDEPENDENCE FROM THE SOVIET UNION, HE SAID.

CHRISTOPHER SAID INDIAN LEADERS TOLD HIM THEY WISH TO PLAY A  
"CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE" IN HELPING SUCH NEIGHBORING STATES AS BANGLADESH  
AND NEPAL.

"I TOLD FOREIGN MINISTER A. B. VAJPAYEE THAT THE UNITED STATES  
WELCOMED SUCH A ROLE BY THE INDIANS," HE SAID.

CHRISTOPHER'S MESSAGE TO THAI LEADERS WAS THAT THE UNITED  
STATES INTENDS TO REMAIN A PACIFIC AND ASIAN POWER AND WILL RETAIN  
CLOSE TIES WITH THAILAND.

THAILAND DID NOT ASK FOR U.S. MILITARY AID TO HELP DEAL WITH  
RECENT BORDER CLASHES WITH CAMBODIA, HE SAID.

CHRISTOPHER ALSO SAID THE LEADERS HE TALKED TO WERE "SUPPORTIVE"  
OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S STAND ON HUMAN RIGHTS.

CHRISTOPHER LEFT FOR WASHINGTON SHORTLY AFTER THE PRESS CONFER-  
ENCE. END QUOTE.

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2. A TRANSCRIPT OF REMARKS WILL FOLLOW SEPARATELY. UNQUOTE VANCE

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